

The Short Understanding of Substance Abuse Scale (SUSS)

Scoring the SUSS

A sample SUSS form is attached. Each item gets a raw score ranging from 1 to 5 based on the respondent's answer. Score the SUSS as follows:

Step 1: Convert the raw scores to converted scores (with ranges from 0 to 4) by subtracting 1 from the raw score for every item

Step 2: Derive the disease model subscale score by summing the 7 converted scores for items a,c,f,h,k,r, and s

Step 3: Derive the psychosocial model subscale score by summing the 5 converted scores for items d,g,i, m and n

Step 4: Derive the eclectic orientation scale by first reversing the converted scoring of items b, e, j, o and q. To reverse these 5 items, subtract their converted score from 4 (Hence, a score of 3 becomes a score of 1 when reversed, a score of 4 becomes a score of 0, and so on). Sum these 5 reversed items and items p and l (not reversed) to derive the subscale score.